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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US-BENELUX LOW-FARE PROCEEDING

1. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 21
INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION OF LOW-FARE AIR SERVICE BY US
AIRLINES BETWEEN ANY US POINTS (INCLUDING PUERTO RICO) AND
BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND LUXEMBOURG.

2. CAB SAID IT BELIEVES AIRLINE MANAGEMENTS, RATHER THAN
BOARD, ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO DECIDE WHICH US POINTS
AND WHAT PATTERN OF OPERATIONS WILL ENABLE THEM TO OFFER
LOW-FARE SERVICES SUCCESSFULLY. THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE
KNOWN AS THE UNITED STATES-BENELUX LOW-FARE PROCEEDING.

3. THIS INVESTIGATION IS A CONSOLIDATION OF APPLICATIONS
BY SEVERAL US AIRLINES TO PROVIDE US-BENELUX AIR SERVICE,
INCLUDING THE MIAMI TO LUXEMBOURG APPLICATION OF NATIONAL
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AIRLINES AND OTHERS. IN LIGHT OF THE ANNOUNCED CAB POLICY
OF ENCOURAGING MARKET COMPETITION, AND THE US-NETHERLANDS
PROTOCOL AGREEMENT OF MARCH 1978, RELATING TO THE AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1957, THERE MAY SOON BE AN ENLARGE-
MENT OF TRANSATLANTIC LOW-FARE SERVICE.

4. CAB HAS STATED THAT INVESTIGATION IS EXPECTED TO BE

CONCLUDED IN APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. VANCE

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